

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALEX HORNG ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/824,725

FILED: April 4, 2001

FOR: Supporting Structure For Rotor



GROUP ART UNIT: 2834

EXAMINER: D. Le

ATTY. REFERENCE: HORN3003/EM/BEU

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Total Claims   |                                  | - <sup>1</sup>                     | = <sup>3</sup> | × \$ 9 =     | × \$ 18 = |
| Independent Claims   |                                  | - <sup>2</sup>                     | = <sup>3</sup> | × \$ 42 =    | × \$ 84 = |
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- ☒ Also enclosed is/are:

Appendix A - clean copy of amended claims  
 Appendix B - marked up copy of amended claims  
 Appendix C - clean copy of amended paragraphs  
 Appendix D - marked up copy of amended paragraphs

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 12 and 19, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 13, as indicated by the clean copy of amended claims 1 and 13 in Appendix A, attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included in Appendix B, also attached hereto.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the following paragraphs, as indicated by the clean copies of the amended paragraphs in Appendix C, and the marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs in Appendix D, attached hereto:

- Page 4, line 26 to Page 5, line 3
- Page 5, lines 4-12
- Page 5, lines 13-21
- Page 5, lines 22-27

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